

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-30 respectively.

31. (previously presented): A method for providing a solicitor with a network-based service for securely communicating a solicitation to a first and second recipient, the solicitor and recipients being connected to a server over a network, the solicitation including information generated by a software application and stored in a source file on the solicitor computer wherein a software application is needed to communicate the information in the source file in a user intelligible format for the recipients, said method comprising the steps of:

(i) receiving the source file at the server, the source file including unintelligible data comprising vector-based numerical data used to generate screen images of physical data according to user-defined input;

(ii) processing the source file for delivery to the recipients, including the steps of creating a first and second file from the data contained in the source file, wherein the first and second file type is defined by the solicitor;

(iii) providing access to the first and second files by only the first and second recipients, respectively; and

(iv) providing means, provided with the first and second files, for generating screen images of physical data from the first and second files including software that allows the first and second recipient to define screen images using both a computer that has software that is capable of interrogating vector-based numerical data and a computer that is devoid of software that is capable of interrogating vector-based numerical data.

32. (previously presented): The method of claim 31, wherein the receiving step includes receiving a CAD file.

33. (previously presented): The method of claim 31, wherein processing step includes providing information that enables the first recipient to view a first graphical image based on the

information contained in the source file and providing information that enables the second recipient to view a second graphical image based on the information contained in the source file.